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a) Radially Expandable PTFE Tape-Reinforced Vascular Graft, issued  
July 31, 2001 ~~December 1, 1998~~, as a U.S. Letters Patent No. ~~5,843,173~~ <sup>6,267,834</sup>, which is a  
continuation of U.S. application Serial No. 08/423,762, filed April 17, 1995,  
and issued on June 24, 1997 as U.S. Patent No. 5,641,373, entitled Methods  
5 of Manufacturing a Radially-Enlargeable PTFE Tape-Reinforced Vascular  
Graft.--

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

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10 -- A tape-reinforced tubular vascular graft formed of sintered  
fluoropolymer(s), such as expanded, sintered PTFE. The graft includes a  
base graft and a reinforcing tape applied thereto. The tape may be  
spirally wrapped about the graft or spirally wrapped into a tube about a  
cylindrical mandrel and then applied to the exterior of the graft. Radial  
15 shrinkage of the combined base graft and tape, or of the reinforcing tape  
tube, renders the vascular graft subsequently radially enlargeable by  
more than 5%, without tearing or breaking of the reinforcement tape layer  
of the graft. Radially enlargeable grafts of the present invention may be  
combined with various types of stents or anchoring systems, to form  
20 endovascular graft devices which are transluminally insertable and  
implantable within the lumen of a host blood vessel. Alternatively, radially  
enlargeable grafts of the present invention may be implanted by way of  
traditional surgical graft implantation techniques, without any radial  
enlargement of the graft at the time of implantation, so as to take  
25 advantage of the improved strength properties and suture-holding  
properties of the radially-shrunken tape-reinforced grafts of the present  
invention.--